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Urban Poor
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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a) whether the Socio-Economic and Caste census in urban areas to identify the people below poverty line have been concluded and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Punjab;
b) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said census would be completed;
c) the time by which the Government of India plans to release the data pertaining to urban poverty to the public; and
d) the current criteria being used to identify urban poor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) in urban areas conducted by respective State Government/UT Administration along with caste enumeration and rural survey has been completed. In the survey, information regarding various individual particulars and household characteristics, viz., main source of income/earnings; housing/dwelling; amenities; assets etc., has been collected as per `respondent based' questionnaire method, with Statutory Towns being considered urban and Census Towns being considered rural. Accordingly, in urban areas, data has been returned in respect of 299.99 million population (65.13 million household), of which Punjab accounts for 8.39 million population (1.76 million household). Relevant SECC data corresponding to the questionnaire canvassed in urban areas is in public domain at http://secc.gov.in.

(c) & (d): Official estimates of poverty in terms of number and proportion of urban poor (2011-12) were released by erstwhile Planning Commission, which has since been restructured as NITI Aayog. SECC data would be utilized to target beneficiaries for various welfare programmes by different departments, which may have their own respective targeting criteria.

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